

Imagery is used in literature to refer to descriptive language that evokes sensory experience through figures of speech such as similes, metaphors, personification and onomatopoeias to trigger images in the reader's mind.

What statement best creates a picture or image in your mind?
(What statement uses a simile, metaphor, personification?)

Fact/opinion

It's a fact if you can answer "yes" to:

1. Is it true?
2. Can it be proved?

An opinion is open to debate.

Look for signal words: **think, believe, suggest, probably, perhaps, usually** or judgment words like: **bad, good, best, worst, most, beautiful, dangerous. Character traits such as brave, smart, foolish, cruel, funny, strong, kind even when "proven" through actions in the story are still opinions.** Common beliefs without scientific proof are opinions such as **"All bats carry rabies."** **"Camels store water in their humps."**

Many questions will ask you to decide what the author is really trying to tell you...what is he trying to convince you to believe?

"The author of the passage would most likely agree that ...(What does the author believe to be true after he has written his essay?)

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